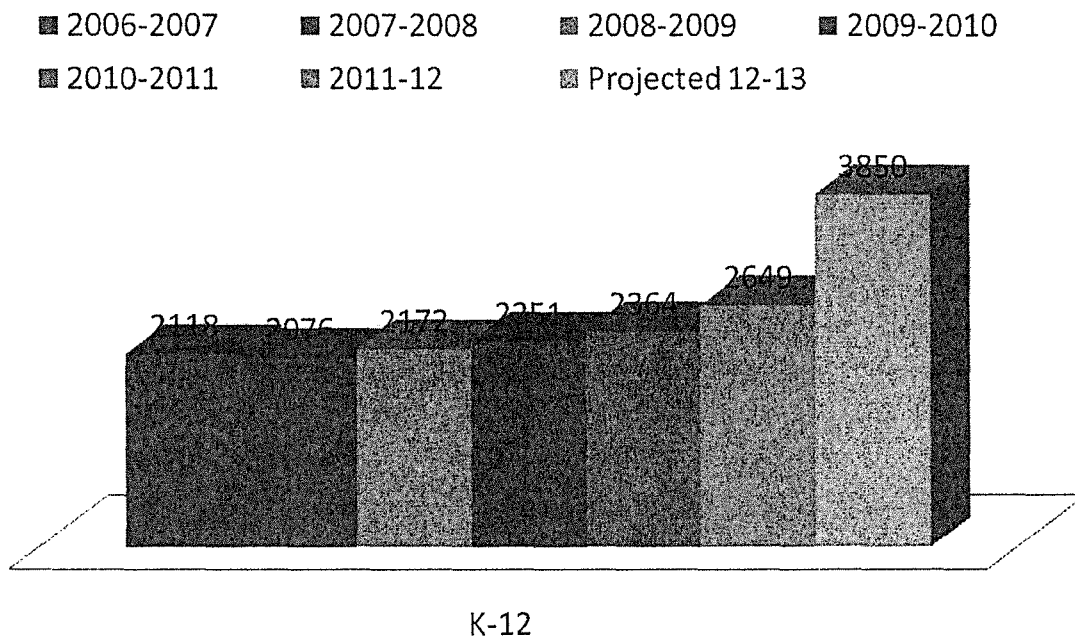


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Enrollment

- Williston Public School District has increase 25% over the past 5 year.



Flat Growth –

2012 = Kindergarten Class = 247 students vs. 2012 junior class= 148

If all the grades in the school stayed the same with an average grade size of 220 students we would need 12 more classrooms at the Middle and High School than we have right now. This is not adding any new students.

Governor Dalrymple states the growth for Williston is projected to be higher than the district projections. If this growth occurs, we would need 16 more classrooms in addition to the 12 calculated without student growth.

Let me give you an example of my kindergarten and first grade for this year. For the 2012 school year I have 13 Kindergarten classrooms. This number grew 5 more classrooms than the year before. For next year, 2013, I have the need for 13 kindergarten classrooms right now with 2 more anticipated and I will need 13 first grade classrooms.

One Year Solutions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Classrooms</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Teacher Salaries</u>
2011	10 modular classrooms equipment, curriculum, etc.	1million dollars	\$500,000 +
2012	32 modular classrooms \$500,000 curriculum, technology, library	3.7 million	\$2.4 million +
2013	Modular classrooms won't Continue to work		2.4 million

I can't keep adding modular classrooms to my schools because I don't have enough bathrooms, gym space, kitchen and cafeteria space, special education rooms, media center capacity or technology capacity.

Our kitchens were designed to prepare 2200 meals a day. This past year they prepared 2600 meals a day, 400 meals over what they should be able to do. Our enrollment growth will push us to the breaking point.

Students start to eat lunch at 10:50 until 1:15. I have students who eat breakfast at 8:00 and then do not eat again until 1:00. They do not eat for 5 hours. How do you feel when you don't eat for 5 hours?

Modular Classrooms as a temporary Solution:

Of the 68 elementary classrooms in our district we currently have 23 modular classrooms. 1/3 of my classrooms are modular. Is that Ok? 42 of

the modular classrooms are 750 square feet. Most of our classrooms are 900 square feet. Is that Ok?

Nine of the modular classrooms were built in 1981. The district was anticipating declining enrollment. They were suppose to be a temporary solution 30 years ago. We have 1 built in 2005.

The real solution to our issues in western North Dakota is to be able to build schools, real schools with gym space, cafeterias, media centers, science centers for the 21st century.

To do this we need your help. Our communities cannot levy the funding needed to build the schools we need. We want to do our part and we understand we have an investment in our children and community. But the growth is happening too fast and we are limited on the amount we can bond.

The real solution to our challenges is to provide the utmost quality education to our children, not in modular classrooms, but in schools that provide a conducive, safe and supportive environment for our most valuable asset.

I would like to ask the students who came here today to stand and show you they are the solution to our future. Our students, who receive a quality education, will be the solutions to our future. They will be the community and state's future.

Thank you